

BEAUTIES OF THE WORLD TEACH WOUNDED MEN HOW TO BE USEFUL

Great Work Is in Progress in Paris, Where Native and American Women, Many Rich, Some International Beauties, Use Their Fair Hands in Helping the Poilu Learn a New Trade.

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.
(The Famous Poilu Women Doing War Work in France).
PARIS, France, May 12.—What is known in Paris as the Grand Palais is a beautiful structure built for the great exposition, for the display of fine arts. Today it is one of the busiest and most notable centers of benevolent activity. It is given up to the industries organized for the wounded soldiers, and in this wonderful work America takes a very important part. "L'Atelier des Blessés Franco-Américain du Grand Palais" was made possible some months ago by a gift of a million dollars as a foundation from William N. Croswell of America, who had already founded other ateliers for the wounded.

French and American women are working together to make the organization a success and a powerful factor in the physical, mental and material reconstruction of the wounded men. While the industries, occupations and advantages are open to all nationalities, there are no American soldiers at present represented, because the American soldier does not expect to remain in France, and therefore has no need of entering into an occupation here. Similar opportunities will be given him in America.

Work for Wounded Men.
In the room of this atelier, where many prominent American women are daily devoting time and energy in the most practical of tasks, there are something like 50 wounded French soldiers, all engaged in various labors. A French physician attends these men and suggests the kind of work best suited for each individual.

The man who has a wounded shoulder which requires a certain amount of exercise to prevent it from becoming stiffened is given the work of cutting shoe tongues out of soft leather, to be sent to the front. These men cut three thousand daily. The tongues are trimmed and counted by the women, and tied in packages of 50 for each foot.

It is a most prosaic and monotonous work, yet cultured and beautiful women accustomed to brilliant social functions, and to being waited upon by retinues of domestics, go daily to the Grand Palais and carry on the work without money or price, and with no thought of personal glory resulting therefrom.

A Labor of Love.
This room of the Grand Palais might well be called the hall of fine arts, as it is remarkable for its beautiful women. Never, I am sure, outside of a beauty show were so many strikingly handsome women seen to-

Army In France Writes Home On Mother's Day

Nearly Everyone Writes;
Churches Hold Services
Honoring Mothers.

With The American Army in France, May 12 (by Associated Press).—A deluge of Mother's day letters poured out of the American army today for delivery to mothers in the states. From the appearance of the mail sacks few if any of the American expeditionary force failed to write home.

Jeffre Presides at Meeting.
Paris, France, May 12.—Field Marshal Jeffre presided yesterday at a meeting of the French Home Society to celebrate Mother's day. It was attended by many French, American and other officers. Marshal Jeffre said the purpose of the society was to open French homes to American boys so they might have as far as possible the comforts they had behind in America.

All American churches in France held Mother's day services, while the day received special deference from French clergymen. While carriages were being driven to the front by the Y. M. C. A. The Americans and French also observed the day of Joan of Arc.

It would be deplorable without this heaven directed assistance. The command of the Grand Palais is a strikingly handsome French officer—Le Chef de Bataillon Maurice Challe—who distinguished himself in the early years of the war by many deeds of remarkable valor, and now, wounded and decorated with every medal France has to bestow, gives his time to superintending and assisting this great work.

His very presence as he passes through the rooms on a tour of inspection seems to stir the workmen to do their best. The men and women do their work with a sense of the humbler walks of life, but many of them possess beautiful voices and sing while they work.

Every One a Hero.
It was my remarkable experience to be in the Grand Palais "doing my bit" of the great expedition at the command of the factory of hand grenades. I was standing by the grateful president, Madame Nicholas Elias (who was born in Alabama but has long lived abroad in diplomatic circles), when the first blast came. The great Palais was shaken and all of course, believed it to be a daylight air raid. (We had just expected two more raids).

A second blast confirmed our impression, and workers and wounded men began to pour down the corridors toward the cave. Yet there was no panic. Many of the wounded men, hobbling on crutches, were shouting. Some of the women were pale but no one showed terror. Madame Elias went to look after her husband and urged us all to descend at once to the cave.

Disliking caves, I obstinately remained near the entrance, where after a half hour was brought that it was an explosion, not a raid, and we went back to work. The mental attitude of all these women, and that of the wounded men, during that extraordinary experience is an indelible impression on my mind.

Conquerors of Destiny.
Of such mental stuff as these French and American people are the conquerors of destiny made. Indelible, too, was the impression left on my mind of France by the fact that our Y. M. C. A. men were the first on the field to offer aid after the great explosion.

Everywhere there are good words for that organization. Down on the lower floors of the Grand Palais a French expeditionary force is going on. It is a French organization and entirely run by men, but in various ways and of all nationalities.

Financiers, bankers, doctors, actors, living in Paris banded themselves together to assist wounded soldiers through an organization known as "Union des Colonies Françaises en France, en faveur des Victimes de la Guerre." The work conducted by the women in the atelier prepares men to enter this school.

Generous Americans.
Every trade, art, science and profession seems to be taught by this society. A one-armed soldier, with the face of a marble statue, sits at a desk, an assiduous man with a wooden leg is modeling a bust; hairdressers or "coiffeurs" men and women; the carpenter shop rings with activity. And shoemakers and harness makers are all busy as bees in their windows.

Schools of languages are filled with students. This very extensive work had to be financed, and again the American man did his part. One of the most distinguished members of the union in Washington, who made a special trip to America to interest his friends in the enterprise. Edmund Hughes assisted Mr. Berry to form a committee of the Y. M. C. A. in Philadelphia to the extent of \$100,000. France had already made the union a success, but this fund was to enlarge its usefulness.

Helping All the Wounded.
Other countries have generously assisted, and the union is doing a superb work. The best specialists are in attendance upon the wounded men. A school of agriculture is now planned in connection with the union. All honor to our America for the part she is playing in this world war! Every American here feels pride at the fine appearance and the price of our soldier boys, as we see them in the streets and elsewhere. There was a large company of them at the Church de la Madeleine Sunday. They stood in the rear of the church all through the religious service. In a few understanding the sermon, doubtless, but all enjoying the glorious music and the exquisite beauty of the famous house of worship.

A Real Religious Air.
So impressive and so beautiful was it all and so gripping that I feel of so many memories in deep mourning, and so full of memories as La Madeleine to me that I find my little obsessions to the altar and the band of marble angels as I came out, just as a good Catholic does. The whole atmosphere seemed devotional. One forgot creeds and remembered only faith in God.

Great souls have worshipped in that church since its first beginning in 1763; and now the anguish of sorrow-wrenched hearts is mixed with the vibrations which seem to sweep through it. Perhaps our American soldiers were feeling this as they stood in the military attitude of attention that Sunday in La Madeleine.

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GERMANS' GUNS LET WELL LOSE

Y. M. C. A. Man Describes
Bombardment of Pretty
French City.

New York, May 12.—"Hell let loose." That's the only adequate way to describe a town just devastated by the Germans, according to a letter from Walter H. Johnson Jr., one of the Y. M. C. A. field secretaries in France. He was in Soissons when he wrote, which had just been bombed for five days by the Germans. Shrapnel still whined around the ruined village that had been a city of 15,000 inhabitants, and trains stopped some distance away to avoid being shelled. The station hadn't any roof. Neither had the hotel. There was a shell through the middle of what had been the Y. M. C. A. headquarters.

What few people were left lived in cellars, for protection from the bombardment, and because their homes had been shelled. The very rays of nothing but scorched stumps. With-out destination or plans, train loads of women and children and old men were being driven from their homes, clinging to what household goods they could carry.

Munitions Plant Wrecked.
Here is what Mr. Johnson has written of the devastation. In a letter to T. S. McLean, Jr., of the Y. M. C. A. entertainment bureau in New York: "Leaving Paris, the train went through the area which was the terrible munitions plant explosion at Courmoulin, in the middle of March. That section is raised to the ground and charred black. It wouldn't be permitted to tell of the activity between Paris and the front, so well reserve that for a later date. We passed train loads of wounded, going back to base hospitals.

Several days the trains hadn't run clear into Soissons because of the bombardment, but that day it seemed temporarily diverted elsewhere, and the train came in. Half of the station is blown off the map, and it's all carved in. About a block away is the Y. M. C. A. warehouse and headquarters, or what a week ago was headquarters, before a shell went through it. Across the street is a hospital with the roof blown off. The Germans bombed it for five days, and injured two clerks. The Germans took prisoners there, after an aeroplane accident.

Population All Driven Out.
The population of this beautiful little city used to be 15,000 to 20,000; now it's about 1500. During the last week it has been decreased by evacuation from 7000 or 8000 to this number. If you remember this town was fought over and lost by the Germans in 1915, later evacuated by them, and now once more is being actively shelled, it's a little more than a miracle. I stayed in a house under the roof. It was once a German major's headquarters. Before a shell went through it. Across the street is a hospital with the roof blown off. The Germans bombed it for five days, and injured two clerks. The Germans took prisoners there, after an aeroplane accident.

Cathedral Half Wrecked.
As I walked back into town, I had the new and probably unforgettable experience of having shrapnel whine and then burst over my head with a loud boom and puff, and a heavy later heard the bell-rings of its landing all around. Believe me, I snuggled up as close as possible to a wall, and so did the two Frenchmen with me. Just as I got back across the river, the house where I was staying (the house where I was staying) was struck and blown up. To see the beautiful cathedral half shot away creates a big impression. And to see also where the Germans had run a railroad right into the building to carry away big stones. It was one of the most famous cathedrals in France. It was one corner of the transport and completely destroyed. French priest was holding services for a few French soldiers.

People Live in Cellars.
What few people are left to a great extent live in cellars because their houses are blown up, or for protection against the bombardment. Walking along the street at supper time, I saw smoke coming out of the front of the house, and I knew it was sure, but it looked like the caves that I used to build and live in when I was a boy.

Several trainloads of refugees, mostly women and children, packed into the trains like sardines, are being sent. That refugee sight is typical of most of the train going south now. Many of these poor creatures are the second time been driven from their homes and have lost everything. They came from the Somme area, Amiens, Compiègne, Reims, etc.

Hardly any of them knew where they were going. They had with them the worldly possessions they could carry. The most interesting part of the goods was composed of their animals. One had a dog, a cat, a rabbit, two dogs, and two chickens. "The system was to feed them and then put them into camp, and then for the night to the Red Cross hospital at St. Sulpie, or the Y. M. C. A. hotel pavilion. At these places the following morning they'd be loaded and sent south. I remember particularly one family of eleven, two women and nine children, who were very comprehended the tenderness and indefatigable energy of the English and American Red Cross nurses at Soissons, owing to ill health.

The former emperor now is confined in a small house with only one or two attendants and also strangers are allowed to approach him.

AUSTRIA IS PLANNING BREADLESS DAYS NOW
London, Eng., May 12.—The Austrian food controller is considering the introduction of one breadless day a week, according to a dispatch from Geneva to The Daily News. Vienna newspapers say the government is forced to do this, owing to the rapid diminution of the flour supply and the small prospects of obtaining more wheat before the next harvest.

STAR GERMAN AIRMAN IS KILLED ON WEST FRONT
Amsterdam, Holland, May 12.—Austrian, a star German airman, has been killed on the western front, according to the Cologne Gazette. He was credited with 15 aerial victories.

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